THE KEVIN BLUDSO STORY

Kevin Bludso is a chef, Television personality, JAMES BEARD AWARD WINNER and two-time Steve Harvey Hoodie Award Winner.

Kevin was born and raised in Compton, California, by a Black Panther–supporting mother and a police officer father. To stay out of trouble, he spent his summers in Corsicana, Texas, where he was schooled on the art of barbecue and worked long, hot hours on the pits at his granny's legendary BBQ stand. In 2008, Kevin opened his own Bludso's BBQ, a small walk-up stand in the heart of Compton that has led to multiple locations in California, Texas, and even Australia.

He is a recurring judge on the hit Netflix BBQ competition show The American BBQ Showdown, and has multiple television appearances on shows like Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives and Bong Appetit, and as a recurring guest judge on Bar Rescue. His first cookbook, The Bludso Family Cookbook: BBQ Soul Food and Family, From Compton to Corsicana, is available now on Ten Speed Press!